

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 28-39 (renumbered as 1-12).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/801,367.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/27/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Examiner acknowledges the amended claims filed on June 21, 2007.

Claims 28-39 have been amended. **Claims 1-27** have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 28-39** (Renumbered as 1-12) are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 28, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, a range setting device that sets a desired image portion of the image displayed by said display control device on the screen, thereby setting a restricted photographable range of the image pickup operation into said image pickup control device on the basis of the set desired image portion; and an image processing device that exchanges the set desired image portion of the image displayed by said display control device, for another image.

Regarding claim 32, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, a range setting device that sets a desired image portion on the image displayed by said display control device on the screen, thereby setting a restricted

photographable range of the image pickup operation into said image pickup control device on the basis of the set desired image portion; and a restriction device that restricts an amount of data corresponding to the set desired image portion of the image displayed by said display control device.

Regarding claim 36, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, setting a desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step on the screen, thereby setting a restricted photographable range of the image pickup operation into said controlling step on the basis of the set desired image portion; and exchanging the set desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step for another image.

Regarding claim 37, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, setting a desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step on the screen, thereby setting a restricted photographable range of the image pickup operation into said controlling step on the basis of the set desired image portion; and restricting an amount of data corresponding to the set desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step.

Regarding claim 38, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, setting a desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step on the screen, thereby setting a restricted photographable range of the

image pickup operation into said controlling step on the basis of the set desired image portion; and exchanging the set desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step.

Regarding claim 39, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, setting a desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step on the screen, thereby setting a restricted photographable range of the image pickup operation into said controlling step on the basis of the set desired image portion; and restricting an amount of data corresponding to the set desired image portion of the image displayed in said displaying step.

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson D. Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7311. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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